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THORNE'S
OLD VAT

\$15
PER
CASE
As supplied
to the
House of
Commons.

THIS VAT WAS STARTED BY THE LATE ROBERT THORNE
OF GREENOCK AND HAS BEEN SOLD AS NO. 2 SINCE 1865

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SOLE AGENTS IN
HONG KONG, CHINA & MANILLA.
A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
Hongkong, May 1, 1907.

"ONE ADULT, ONE VOTE."

Y. M. C. A. Parliament.

An animated discussion took place on
Tuesday evening, at the Y.M.C.A. De-
bating Society on a general motion,
introduced by Mr. J. L. McPherson, that
the municipal franchise should be based
on the principle of "one adult, one vote,"
and not on property qualification.

Messrs. E. B. Cubey, W. Emberley and
G. G. Burnett spoke in support of the motion
and Mr. W. J. Troakes and Captain
Baker against. On a vote being taken
the motion was affirmed. Mr. W. Turnbull
was the Speaker for the evening.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE
SPORTS.

The following are the remainder of the
results of the events which took place at
Happy Valley after we went to press last
night.

HALF MILE RACE Open.

Chung I Kai ... 1
H. W. Peterson ... 2
Ho Wing Kin ... 3

OLD BOYS' RACE.

Li Choi Chi ... 1
Ho Wing Hung ... 2

WALKING MATCH one mile, senior.

Lo Kung Mong ... 1
Chan Ying Wing ... 2

300 YARDS RACE, Juniors.

Chau Hui Niu ... 1
Ng Sze Kwong ... 2
Li Ying Chiu ... 3

WALKING MATCH QUARTER MILE, Juniors.

Ng Sze Kwong ... 1
Chau Hui Niu ... 2
Ng Yip Huen ... 3

SIAMSE RACE.

Wong Po Kai and Wei Wing Lok ... 1
Ho Wing Kin and Chau Tsui Nin ... 2

BICYCLE RACE.

Tsui Tong ... 1
Lo Kung Mong ... 2

HURDLE RACE.

Yau Kam Fai ... 1
H. W. Peterson ... 2
Ho Nui Put ... 3

PULL AND POLE COMPETITION, open.

H. W. Peterson ... 1
Ng Sze Kwong ... 2

WHEELBARROW RACE.

Ham Ying Wing and Fung Man Sui ... 1
Chan Tsui Nin and Ho Wing Kin ... 2

FORMS FLAT RACE.

Form IV ... 1
Forms Tug of War—III beat IV, VI
beat V, III beat VI in the final.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT
COMPANY, LIMITED.

At the twentieth ordinary general meeting
to be held at the office of the General
Managers on Saturday, 3rd April, 1909,
at 11.30 o'clock a.m., the Directors of
this Company will present the following
report:

An enclosed we have the pleasure to lay before
shareholders a statement of accounts for
the year ending 31st December 1908.

The net profit, after providing for de-
preciation on buildings and machinery,
lanchas, lighters, &c., and including the
amount brought forward from the previous
year, amounts to \$36,756.74 which it is
proposed to Reserve Fund \$1,000.00; to pay
a final dividend of 50 cents per share,
\$900,000.00, and add an interim dividend of 40
cents per share \$160,000.00, \$360,000.00;
To carry forward to the credit of next
year's account \$3,756.74.

In accordance with the Articles of As-
sociation, Sir Paul Chater, O.M.C., the
Hon. W. J. Grace, and Dr. J. W. Noble
are, and being eligible, offered themselves
for re-election as Consulting Committee.

The Accounts have been audited by
Messrs. W. H. J. Ross and A. C. D. Gourlay,
who are recommended for re-election.

REUNIONISM.—
An extra meeting is to be held
at the Chinese Club Hall for the
members of the Chinese Club to meet
and discuss the proposed re-organisation
of the Chinese Club.

Intimations.

W. S. BAILEY & Co., Ltd.
ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS
Engines, Boilers, Steam Pumps and Fittings.
A MOTOR HOUSE BOAT FOR SALE.
Offices:—Hotel Mansions.

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DRIP FILTERS IN GLASS AND STONEWARE.

PUMP FILTERS.

PRESSURE FILTERS.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

BREWER & Co., Limited,

PEDDER STREET—ADJOINING MAIN ENTRANCE HONGKONG HOTEL
TELEPHONE NO. 698.

Hazell's Annual.

Winning Post Annual.

Whitaker's Almanack (Paper
and Cloth).

British Journal Photographic
Almanack.

China Coasters Tide Table.

Chronicle Directory.

Naval and Military Directory.

Brown's Nautical Almanack.

ENTERTAINMENT TO VISITING
FLEETS.

SERVICE men invited to luncheon at
Happy Valley on 24th and 25th March
will be carried FREE on all Cars between
Post Office and Causeway Bay. In addition to
the Ordinary Service Special Cars to the
Race Course will leave Post Office at 11.30
A.M. and every 5 minutes until 12.30 P.M.
Invitation cards must be shown to the
Conductor of the car.

J. GRAY SMITH,
General Manager,
The Electric Traction Company of
Hongkong, Limited.

Hongkong, March 23, 1909. 410

WANTED.

BY an old established firm AN EX-
PERIENCED COMPRADORE.

Applications, stating Qualifications and
Security to be sent under letter
"Z. Z."

Care of "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE,
Hongkong, March 15, 1909. 367

WANTED IMMEDIATELY.

A STENOGRAFHER and TYPE-
WRITER; send references with
applications to

"VOX,"
Care of "CHINA MAIL" Office,
Hongkong, March 16, 1909. 378

NIGHT STEAMER TO
CANTON.

NEW TWIN SCREW STEAMER,

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Fitted throughout with Electric Light
and Fans supplied in all Cabins.

(Captain J. McGIVAN.)

LEAVES Hongkong for Canton at 9 P.M.

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MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

The 1st Class, \$3 single passage.

Second Class, \$1.50 single passage.

Service charges must be paid for

CHUNG LIN STREAMER AT 10.10 A.M.

No. 125, Des Voeux Road Central.

Hongkong, November 12, 1908. 328

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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.	PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$15,000,000
RESERVE FUND.....	\$15,000,000
Savvies.....	\$15,000,000
Silver.....	14,000,000
RESCUE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.....	\$23,500,000

PROPRIETORS.....\$15,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS

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Shanghai—W. ADAMS ORAM.

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HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account at the rate of Two percent, per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS—

For 3 months 2½ per cent per annum.

" 6 " 3 " "

" 12 " 4 " "

J. R. M. SMITH,

City Manager.

Hongkong, February 20, 1909. 63

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rates may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum. Deposits may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSITS at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

J. R. M. SMITH,

City Manager.

Hongkong, January 13, 1907. 164

INTEREST allowed on Current Account the rate of 2½ per annum on the daily balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 %

" 6 " 3 " "

" 3 " 2 " "

WM. DICKSON,

Manager.

Hongkong, March 1, 1909. 54

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Accounts 2½ per annum on daily balances.

Fixed Deposits 12 months 4½ per annum.

6 months 3½ " "

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TAKEO KAMAKIHI,

Manager.

Hongkong, March 22, 1909.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Accounts 2½ per annum on daily balances.

Fixed Deposits 12 months 4½ per annum.

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J. L. VAN HOUTEN, Agent.

Hongkong, July 17, 1908. 61

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ARE NOW SHOWING
NEW
AND
INEXPENSIVE
DESIGNS IN
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CURTAINS
FOR THE
SPRING SEASON.

THE STAR
CINEMATOGRAPH

WYNDHAM STREET,
up from the Clock Tower.

NEW ALTISTES 4
BABY DAUGHTER,
LINTON DAVID,
VERA VAUGHAN,
LOTIE GATLEY.

Our Pictures are all New in
Hongkong.
We Lead. Others Follow.

TWO PERFORMANCES EVERY
NIGHT.

Box Performance: 8.30 to 8.30 P.M.
Prices 30 cents and 50 cents.

Box Performance: 9 to 11 P.M.
Prices 50 cents, 50 cents and \$1.20.

Hongkong, March 16, 1903. 376

VICTORIA - - -
CINEMATOGRAPH

TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT!

The Celebrated Comedy Duo
and Unparalleled Dancers

ADSON THORNE
ADSON THORNE
ADSON THORNE JESSE

In a Grand Change of
Programme.

ENTITLED—"That's the Difference,"
Embodying—Funny Patter,
Humorous Songs, Expert
and Excentric Dancing.

IN THEIR RIDICULOUS BURLES-
QUE SKETCH
"Drama Outdone" or "The Hero
and the Heroine."

Hongkong, March 6, 1903. 328

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FOR HOME

The Overland China Mail

FULL REPORTS

LASTEST INTELLIGENCE

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With Home. - -

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TO SELECT FROM.

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CAN BE ARRANGED.

S. MOUTRIE & CO., LTD.

YORK BUILDINGS, CHATER ROAD.

Hongkong, April 16, 1903.

THE CITY OF PARIS,
2, PEDDER STREET.
PHONE No. 536.

CLEARANCE
SALE
NOW ON.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous
p.m.—Military Tattoo on the Cricket
Ground, Meeting.

5 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Gymkhana
Club at the Jockey Club.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, March 26.—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, &c., at Mr. Geo. P. Lammer's
Sales Rooms.

5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Phoenix Club, Ltd.,
at the Club House.

Goods per *Bendover*, undelivered after
this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, March 27.—
Goods per *Monmouthshire* not cleared on
this date subject to rent.

MONDAY, March 29.—
10 a.m.—Military Gun Practice.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of China Bronzes,
Jade & Ivores, &c., at No. 13, Peak
Road (Upper Albany).

WEDNESDAY, March 31.—
Buff Regimental Sports.

AN ARMY FOR THE EMPIRE.

The splendid help accorded the Mother
Country by the Colonial contingents

at the time of the Boer War made a
great impression upon the authorities

of the War Office, and ever since busy
minds have been engaged in devising

some scheme whereby a common army
for the defence of the Empire could be

evolved on scientific lines acceptable to
all the parties concerned. It has long

been understood that most of the
Overseas States were agreed that a better

war plan than that which existed at
the outbreak of the South African war is

necessary, in view of any future
occasion when an Imperial Field Force

may be called into action under one
commanding head, and that machinery

should be provided for methodically
utilising the services, on a pre-arranged

plan, of men who volunteer in war time.

Accordingly Canada and Australia and
the other self-governing colonies were

consulted and the whole question
thoroughly threshed out with the

officials at the Horse Guards in London.

As a result Mr. Haldane, the Secretary

for War, has been enabled, as we learn

from *Reuter*, to make official reference

to a proposed General Staff for the

Empire, and Lord Lucas has further thrown

out hints which enable the outside
public to gather some idea of what

is being done to carry the various

suggestions a stage further towards

practical realisation. The Home pro-

posals framed on Colonial suggestions,

largely aim at a consolidation both for
peace and war. For the former it is

suggested that each State should

organise its units on the lines of the

Regular Army plan, and instead of

having a miscellaneous collection of

horse, foot, and artillery, should

organise these into regimental units

brigades, and divisions, as is the case

with our own troops. They would then

have ammunition columns, field engineer

companies, supply and transport

companies, field ambulances, and all

the services to place troops directly into

action. By this means the military

organisation would be identical all over

the empire, whilst each Colony would

be self-contained, in addition, and this

would ensure an absence of confusion

when Colonial contingents are thrown

together with Regular troops in war

time. This plan would provide Regular

model divisions, made up as follows—

1. COLONIAL DIVISION.

2. Infantry Brigades, 12 Battalions.

3. Batteries of Field Artillery.

4. Cavalry, comprising of Regiments

5. A. S. Companies.

6. Royal Engineers.

7. Medical Regiments.

This would be the home defence

organisation, and in war time it is

proposed that such units as are required

should be taken to make up complete

brigades and divisions for service under

their own trained leaders. Thus, if

England and India put in the field

fifteen Regular divisions, Australia

Canada, New Zealand, and South

Africa might supply one each, made up

entirely of men who offer their services

for war. Service would be purely

voluntary, but, in view of past

experience, no difficulty is apprehended

as to numbers. The units selected

would move, complete for service, from

their homeland, and would drop into

waiting places in the war machine.

In the case of a war of secondary

importance, the Overseas States might

furnish one division voluntarily, and if

all the various forces were formed on a

common plan there would be no obstacle

to creating instantly a complete and

ready division, after the following

manner:—

1. Canadian Brigade.

2. Australian Brigade.

3. New Zealand Battalions.

4. Canadian Batteries.

5. South African Batteries.

6. Royal Engineers.

7. Medical units from the Straits and China.

8. U.S. units from South Africa.

9. Medical units from Canada.

10. Royal Engineers.

11. Royal Artillery.

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IS THE SOUTH POLE REACHED?
AN AFFIRMATION AND A DENIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
LONDON, March 24.
The *Post* *Mall* *Gazette* is informed that Lieut. Shackleton has reached the South Pole.

The *Evening News* disputes the claim on the best authority and says that Lieut. Shackleton is 100 miles short of the Pole.

THE CHINESE NAVY.

(*Wah Tsu Yat Po's* Service.)
PEKING, March 23.

Admiral Seh, Prince Su and H.E. Tien Liang have been discussing the reorganisation of the Chinese Navy. As a first step Admiral Seh suggests the extension of the Shanghai Dock.

HONOURING A PARENT.

(*Wah Tsu Yat Po's* Service.)
PEKING, March 23.

Kwei Chang, father of the Empress Dowager, at present Tatar General of the White Bannermen, is expected to be transferred to a high position in Peking.

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY LOAN.

(*Wah Tsu Yat Po's* Service.)
PEKING, March 23.

The draft loan convention in connection with the loan to the Canton-Hankow railway has been signed. The formal convention will now be proceeded with.

TANG SHAO-YI AS HEAD OF CUSTOMS.

(*Wah Tsu Yat Po's* Service.)
PEKING, March 23.

It is said that Tang Shao-yi will be appointed Director-General of Customs and that he will be charged with the task of increasing Customs rates, in lieu of like charges, which are to be abolished.

THE STATE FUNERAL.

(*Wah Tsu Yat Po's* Service.)
PEKING, March 23.

The Wai-wu-pu have appropriated \$200,000 as a fund for entertaining the Foreign Ministers who attend the funeral of the late Emperor.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL.

(*Wah Tsu Yat Po's* Service.)
PEKING, March 23.

H. Chang Chih-tung proposed to appoint Chu Pao-shu Assistant Director-General of the Canton-Hankow and the Hankow-Szechuan railways.

MARRIAGE OF MR. G. G. SYKES AND MISS MOIR.

PEKING, March 23.

The marriage took place quietly at St. John's Cathedral this afternoon of Mr. G. G. Sykes, sub-consultant to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and Miss Maquerie Moir. The bride, who was beautifully dressed, was attended by Miss Jacobs as bridesmaid, while Mr. J. F. Cox Edwards performed the duties of "best man." The officiating clergyman was the Rev. F. T. Johnson. The service was semi-choral, the only hymn being "O Perfect Love," while Mr. Dennis Fuller played appropriate wedding music. After the ceremony a reception was given at the Government Civil Hospital by Dr. and Mrs. Bell, at which there was a large attendance of invited guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth have come from the Monopoly on Saturday via America.

PIRATES AT PHU-LANG THUONG.

Le Courier d'Hoipong reports that robbers are numerous at Phu-Lang-Thuong. Three of them rammed the concession of M. Bourafiat. They had with them two rifles and several rounds of ammunition.

Continuing, the report says that the band of pirates at Do-Tien number one hundred and eleven and they have taken refuge in the mountains south-west of Thai Nguyen.

They have simply remained that region and part of the band have pillaged the neighbouring villages.

A section of Artillery was sent to Ulo.

Later information from Nai-Dung Tuan says that the robbers have vacated their position and gone to the mountains of Do-Tien.

THE AMERICAN SQUADRON.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

THE HANGCHOW RAILWAY.

The following guests were invited to dinner at Government House on Tuesday evening—Sir George and Lady Errington, General Broadwood, Captain Heathcote, Mr and Mrs David, Mr and Mrs May, Mr and Mrs Pollock, Bishop of Victoria and Mrs Lander, Sir Henry Berkeley, Mr A. P. Wilder, Admiral Herber, Flag Lieutenant Leahy, Captain Fairfax, Judge and Mrs Thayer.

MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE.

Countess of Meath Addresses the Hongkong Branch.

The Hongkong Branch of the Ministering Children's League, of which the Hon. Mr. F. H. May is the enthusiastic honorary secretary, yesterday enjoyed the privilege of a visit from the Countess of Meath, the well-known foundress and central secretary of the organisation, who gave an address to a considerable gathering of members, associates and friends on the lawn at St. Paul's College, at the kind invitation of her Lordship the Bishop and Mrs. Lander. Her Ladyship was accompanied by her daughter, Lady Violet Brassey, and amongst those also present were Bishop and Mrs. Lander, and the Hon. F. H. and Mrs. May. His Excellency the Governor (Sir F. D. Lugard) was prevented by another engagement from attending.

It may interest those who are unacquainted with the workings of the League to know that it was started in London some years ago for the express purpose of teaching the children of the rich to take an active interest in relieving the necessities of the poor, and that its operations now extend to practically all parts of the globe. Its objects are outlined in the following words—To promote kindness, unselfishness and the habit of usefulness amongst children in their own homes in order to form unselfish characters; to encourage children to take active interest in the needs of their own parish or district; to create in the minds of children an earnest desire to help all who are in need.

After a hard fought game the Charleston came off winners. Scored:—

Charleston 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Cleveland 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-5
Cleveland 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0

Last night a troupe of minstrels from the Squadron gave a diverting and highly amusing performance at the City Hall in presence of a crowded audience.

FIRST DAY'S SPORTS.

In connection with the entertainment of the men of the American Squadron a luncheon was given at the Race Course at 12.30 p.m. to-day, when the men of the various ships met details from the British and other men-of-war in the harbour, and also non-commissioned officers and men of the Garrison. There was a large attendance. Sports were held on the Race Course after luncheon.

The band of the Buffs was in attendance during the afternoon.

The events were as follows:—

100 Yards.—1st prize \$15, 2nd \$12, 3rd \$4.

Corporal Andrews, Buffs 1
Miller, R.G.A. 2
Cramps, R.A. 3

LONG JUMP RUNNING.—1st prize \$10, 2nd \$5, 3rd \$3.

Drey 1
Conway 2
Freeman 3

Distance, 16 ft. 8½ ins.

200 Yards.—1st prize \$15, 2nd \$8, 3rd \$4.

Corp Andrews, Buffs 1
Brinley, H.M.S. "Tamar" 2
Lion, Mills, Buffs 3
Gard, U.S.S. "Chattanooga" 4

ONE MILE.—Open to eight starters from the American fleet, four from the British fleet, four from the British garrison.

1st prize \$20, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5.

Lance-Corp. Keel, Buffs 1
Sergt. Sturdy, H. M. S. "Charlton" 2
Lion, Mills, Buffs 3
Gard, U. S. S. "Chattanooga" 4

TIME 5 miles, 30 sec.

THREE-LUGGED BOX.—Each one of a pair of three-lugged boxes of nationality. 1st prize \$8, 2nd \$4, 3rd \$2.

Osborn, U.S.S. "Charlton" 1
Evans, Buffs 1
Wilson, U.S.S. "Chattanooga" 2
Marsh, Buffs 3
Scram, Buffs 3
Trans, Charlton 3

QUARTER MILE.—Conditions as for the one mile race. 1st prize \$20, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5.

Corp. Andrews, Buffs 1
Taster, Buffs 2
Howell, H.M.S. King Alfred 3

TIME 50 sec.

TEG-OF-WAR.—Catch weights. One pull, Open to ship teams of 10 of the American fleet. 1st prize \$35, 2nd \$25.

SEMI-FINAL.

Cleveland beat Denver

97 Co. R.G.A. beat 83 Co. R.G.A.

HIGH JUMP.

Gunner Thomas, R.G.A. 1

Pte. Saster 2

Drummer Smith 2

Height, 4 ft. 11½ ins.

THE PRATAS ISLANDS.

Mr. Funatsu, the Japanese Vice Consul in Hongkong, on Tuesday received an official telegram on the subject of the Pratas Islands which has occasioned so much stir in the Chinese press of late. The English version of the telegram as translated by Mr. T. Matsuda, who represents in Hongkong the Tokyo Independent Newsagency, is as follows:—

The Imperial Japanese Government

inherited the Pratas Islands, and never

abandoned it, it is part of the Japanese Empire.

This being the case, if it can be

shown that the Islands belong to China,

the Japanese Government will not hesitate

to recognise Chinese sovereignty over the

Islands. In that case, however, due protec-

tion by the Chinese Government is

required for those Japanese who

commenced there bonds, in the

belief that de facto no power exercised

sovereignty. The Imperial Japanese Gov-

ernment a few days ago gave the necessary

instructions to the Minister and Consuls in

China with a view, in communicating the

above opinion to the Chinese Government,

to reaching a fair settlement of the matter.

Shanghai's indebtedness next year will

reach Tls. 2,256,000 against which the

Municipality have assets such as land,

buildings, stores, shares in the Waterworks

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DANGERS OF INFLUENZA.

The following is a list of the

most dangerous diseases.

THE CHINA MAIL.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

THE HANGCHOW RAILWAY.

The *North China Daily News* has printed the full text of the telegram sent to The Times on February 17 by Dr. Morrison concerning the present condition of the Shanghai-Hangchow-Ningpo Railway. It is as follows:—

I have just returned from inspecting, in company with an English Engineer, the work on the Shanghai-Hangchow-Ningpo Railway, for the construction of which British investors have lent China £1,600,000. It will be remembered that the loan contract was signed on March 6, 1908, by the Ministry of Communications (the Yuchuanpo) and the representative of the British and Chinese Corporation. Work was to be completed within three years of the date of contract. Construction and control of the railway were to be entirely vested in the Imperial Chinese Government. Materials were to be imported by tender and other things being equal British goods were to have preference. There was to be a British Chief Engineer who was to be consulted in the appointment and removal of the technical staff.

It is with regret that I now have to report that the loan conditions have been violated, the loan funds are being squandered and the interests of the British shareholders jeopardised.

At the time the contract was signed work on the projected railway had been proceeding in a desultory way for two years by two provincial companies, the Kiangnan Railway Company and the Chinkiang Railway Company, whose combined capital was about £200,000. In these Companies only Chinese could hold shares and only Chinese could be employed. With patriotic fervour the Companies opposed China's signature of the foreign loan contract, but they were reconciled by an agreement being made with them that the loan proceeds would be transferred to their ownership in order to provide funds required to complete the enterprise. By imperial sanction, dated April 13, the Chinese Government, outside the British shareholders, and gave an undertaking that the railway would be entirely under private, not official, management and that the Companies' books would not be inspected.

The effect of this transaction has been deplorable. Every important stipulation of the loan contract has been violated.

From Shanghai the railway runs to the border of the province (Kiangsu) then, entering the province of Chekiang, passes by Kashing to the provincial capital Hangchow. Four miles beyond Hangchow, where a bridge 3,000 feet in length will have to be built and then extended across the river to the treaty port of Ningpo, the total distance is

one mile, but no work has yet been attempted beyond Hangchow except the small extension to the Chientang. Of the 128 miles between Shanghai and the Chientang the track has been laid for 100 miles and for 71 miles of this distance trains are running daily. But a large amount of work has yet to be done before even the 71 miles can be described as completely done. The work has been badly and slovenly done. The native capital is exhausted and shareholders, seeing no prospect of any return, have recently been offering their shares for sale for seventy per cent of their face value.

Nominally there is a British Chief Engineer, appointed by the representative of the Yuchuanpo, and is not recognized by the Companies. He has no authority and is not permitted to interfere in work under construction nor to recruit labour committed in work already completed. Only Chinese are employed. On the Kiangnan section the Chinese engineer in charge of the Chinkiang section is less incompetent having been for one year at college in California. He is a son-in-law of the president of the Company. One engineer I met in control of a section of twenty miles of railway has no engineering training, but owes his appointment to the fact that he was the favourite student of the President of the Company, who has a well known authority on the Analects of Confucius.

Built under such conditions the railway presents every possible defect. Bridges are unsafe. Rail are of native manufacture of obsolete section, spliced into soft-wood sleepers from Macassar and Japan. Sleepers are wrongly laid. Wrongly balanced their life in this soil is little more than one year. Eight different patterns of rolling stock are in use, the explanation being that each of the directors has the right in turn to order material and does so according to his individual fancy. Only a small proportion of the material is British. All non-British regarding purchase by tenders with British goods to enjoy preference have been disregarded. When Chinese funds were available.

British money is now being squandered on this costly experiment. An official statement now before me shows that the proceeds of the £2,100,000 loan subscribed in England in terms of the loan contract only £255,000 remain in England for the purchase of material etc., the remainder having been transferred to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. Shanghai were to bear the terms of the loan agreement, funds thus transferred "shall" remain on deposit and required for

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LONDON, VIA USUAL PORTS	DELHI	1st, See Special Advertisement	YOKOHAMA
LONDON & ANTWERP	SUMATRA	About 12th Freight and Passage.	YOKOHAMA
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The General Manager and Consulting Committee beg to present to the Shareholders the sixth ordinary yearly report of the Company.

The accounts show a profit of \$104,695.00. From this has to be deducted—Fees to Consulting Committee \$4,000.00; Bonus to European Staff for 1907, \$2,850.00; leaving available for appropriation \$97,845.00.

The Consulting Committee recommended that a dividend of 10% on the Subscribed Capital be paid to Shareholders, \$65,200.00;

write off Hongkong Saw-mills \$10,000.00;

write off Launches and Lighters \$5,000.00;

write off Engineering Works \$5,000.00;

write off Plant \$2,500.00; write off Kowloon Concessions \$1,45.00; write off Kowloon Pier and House Property \$1,000.00; to carry to Reserve \$15,000.00; provision for Bonus to Staff for 1908 \$3,000.00; total \$97,845.00.

Consulting Committee—Mr A. G. Wood retired from the Colony and Mr J. W. C. Bower was invited to join the committee. His appointment requires confirmation in accordance with the Articles of Association. The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., retires but offers himself for re-election.

Auditor—The accounts under review have been audited by Mr W. H. Potts, who offers himself for re-election.

SPORTING.

Lawn Tennis

Below are further results in connection with the Hongkong Cricket Club's lawn tennis tournament now in progress:—

Championship Singles.—First round: A. H. Hinchey beat Capt. P. H. Collingwood 6/2, 6/1.

Single Handicap.—"A" Class.—First round: C. A. Carr (own) beat Lieut. Settringham (over 16/5) 7/5, 6/3, S. E. Green (over 2/5) beat Comdr. Walter (over 15/3) 8/6, 6/3.

Single Handicap.—"B" Class.—First round: R. E. H. Oliver (over 2/5) beat F. J. Colshorpe (over 3/0) 3/6, 6/1, 6/3. F. O. Davies (over 2/5) beat A. G. May (over 3/0) 3/6, 6/1, 6/2. Double Handicap.—"A" Class.—First round: R. O. Hutchinson and T. H. King (over 3/0) beat D. G. and H. Hancock (over 15/4) 6/6, 6/3.

Professional Pairs.—Second round: H. R. Makin and C. C. Hickling beat J. R. Wood and G. A. Woolcock 6/4, 6/3. Capt. Murray and Lieut. Thompson beat Lieut. Anderson and Lieut. Wedd 6/2, 6/4.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Hongkong Observatory:—

The 24th at 11.45 a.m.—The barometer has fallen very rapidly over Central and Eastern China owing to the depression, which is moving towards E.N.E. over the latter area.

Pressure has increased quickly over China, an anticyclonic area of considerable intensity now occupying the Yangtze Valley. The barometer has also risen slightly over the S. Philippines.

Clouds are rather steep generally, and strong N. and N.E. winds to gale may be expected in the Formosa Channel and the N. part of the China Seas.

Hongkong rainfall for 24 hours ending at 10 a.m.—to-day 0.00 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending to-morrow:—1. Hongkong and Neighbourhood: N. to N.E. winds, strong, fair, equally.

2. Formosa Channel and N. to N.E. winds, strong to a gale.

3. South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamock: Same as No. 1.

4. South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 2.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, March 24, 1905.

On London—

Bank Wires—183

" On demand—183

" 30 days' sight—183

" 4 months' sight—183

Documentary, 4 months' sight 183

On Paris—

On demand—216

Credit 4 months' sight—222

On Berlin—

On demand—172

On New York—

On demand—181

Credit 60 days' sight—182

On Bombay—

Wires—180

Command—180

On Calcutta—

Wires—180

On demand—180

On Singapore—

On demand—74

On Manila—

On demand—85

On Shanghai—

On demand—72

30 days' sight (private paper) 73

On Yokohama—

On demand—84

Gold Leaf, 100 fine, (per tael) 869.49

Switzerland (Bank's buying rate) 81.35

Silvers—23

Gold Silver in Hongkong—62

Chinese Copper Cash—170

Copper Cents—10.72

Rate of Native Interest—4.2%

Chinese Sub. Cols—87.22

Hongkong Sub. Cols—87.22

VESSELS AT THE DOCKS.

At Kowloon—Tinlo, Venus, H.M.S.

Sandwich, H.M.S. Fame, Kiangtung.

Dilly, H.M.S. King Alfred.

Corporation, Alenia, Tibidou.

Aberdeen—Gymnas.

Temperature.

Hongkong, March 24, 1905.

Barometer—9 A.M. 30.13

Do 1 P.M. 30.07

Do 4 P.M. 30.06

Thermometer—8 A.M. 65

Do 1 P.M. 61

Do 4 P.M. 61

Do 7 P.M. 61

Do Minimum 58

Do Maximum 65

Do Minimum over night 58

EXPERT FAILED TO CURE HIS ECZEMA

Had Suffered Six Years—Face Badly Affected—Dard Not Go Out when Air Was Raw—Cure Proved Only Remedy—Also Cured Ringworm on Girl's Arm.

The Consulting Committee recommended that a dividend of 10% on the Subscribed Capital be paid to Shareholders, \$65,200.00; write off Hongkong Saw-mills \$10,000.00; write off Launches and Lighters \$5,000.00; write off Engineering Works \$5,000.00; write off Plant \$2,500.00; write off Kowloon Concessions \$1,45.00; write off Kowloon Pier and House Property \$1,000.00; to carry to Reserve \$15,000.00; provision for Bonus to Staff for 1908 \$3,000.00; total \$97,845.00.

Consulting Committee—Mr A. G. Wood

retired from the Colony and Mr J. W. C. Bower was invited to join the committee. His appointment requires confirmation in accordance with the Articles of Association.

The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., retires but offers himself for re-election.

Auditor—The accounts under review have been audited by Mr W. H. Potts, who offers himself for re-election.

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